THE STRANGE TALES OF OSCAR ZAHN

THE LAST SOLDIER OF SOMME

ACT 2

CHAPTER 1

THIS ISN'T MY STORY...

BUT IT IS A STORY
FOR ME TO TELL.

IN MANY WAYS, THIS IS THE STORY OF A NATION...

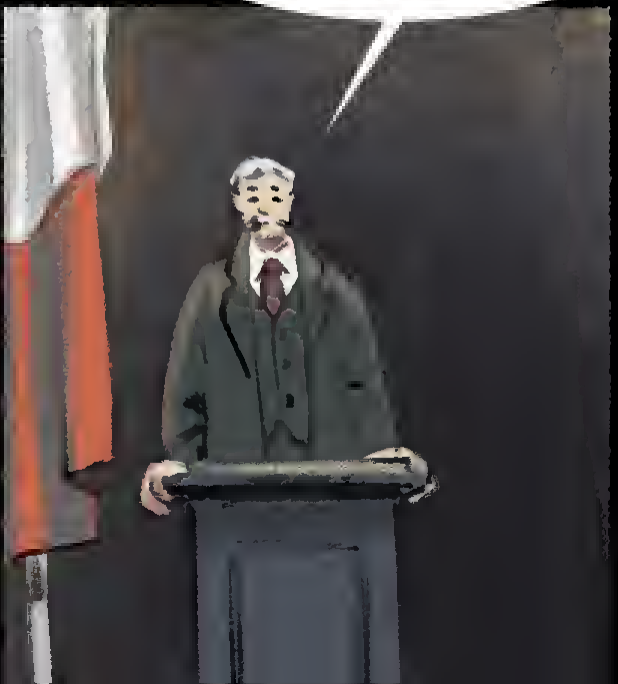
IT'S PEOPLE...

... AND THE LOSS OF INNOCENCE.

... IN THE DAWN OF THE GREATEST WAR THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN...
... IN THE HOUR WHEN PERIL CONFRONTS US SUCH AS THIS EMPIRE HAS NOT FACED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS...

IN 1914, AN IMPORTANT MAN WITH A MIGHTY MUSTACHE AND A CHARMING NAME WAS ASSASSINATED IN EUROPE.

AN ALARMINGLY SHORT TIME LATER, THE WORLD STOOD AT THE BRINK OF WAR.

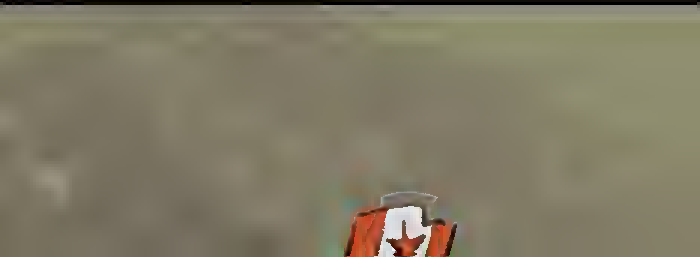

AS TO OUR DUTY, ALL ARE AGREED.
WE STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH BRITAIN AND THE OTHER BRITISH DOMINIONS IN THIS QUARREL.

AND THAT DUTY WE SHALL NOT FAIL TO FULFILL AS THE HONOUR OF CANADA DEMANDS!

WHEN GREAT BRITAIN IS AT WAR... .
...CANADA IS AT WAR!!!!

THERE IS NO DISTINCTION!!!!

IT WAS A ...DIFFERENT... TIME
BACK THEN.



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HAHAHAH!

WHETHER IT WAS OUT OF A SENSE OF PATRIOTISM, A YEARNING FOR ADVENTURE OR PERHAPS JUST THE STEADY INCOME OF A SOLDIER'S WAGE...

... CANADIANS GREETED THE DECLARATION OF WAR WITH THE ZEST AND VIGOR OF HEROES RETURNING VICTORIOUS FROM WAR RATHER THAN A COUNTRY HEADING OFF TO ONE.

NEWS OF THE WAR SPREAD ACROSS

THE COUNTRY LIKE WILDFIRE...

... EVENTUALLY REACHING THE MOST EASTERN EDGE OF NORTH AMERICA IN THE SLEEPY BRITISH DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

HUNH...
HUNNHHH!!
GASP... OH GOD...
MY HEART...
'CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE MAKIN' ME DO THIS..

BET'S A BET. YOU KNOW THE RULES.
LOSER GIVES THE WINNER A RIDE UP TO SIGNAL HILL.
AND DON'T BLAME ME FOR

GET THE NEWS FROM YOUR DRINKING BUDDIES?
HIS NAME IS FRANZ FERDINAND!
PETE TOLD ME IT WAS FRANK!

HAHAHA!
OH CHARLIE. HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU INTENTIONALLY GET YOURSELF INTO TROUBLE..
OR YOU JUST HAVE THE WORST LUCK EVER.

....
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO JOIN?
YOU BET!
DAD SAID BEING PART OF A GROUP OF FIGHTING MEN IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.

I'M NOT GONNA MISS MY CHANCE TO TAKE PARTAND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
BESIDES, EVERYBODY'S GOIN'.
WHAT A GREAT REASON TO GO TO WAR.
AND TAKE PART

IN WHAT? WE'RE NOT EVEN REALLY PART OF CANADA.
AH, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND CHARLENE.
THIS IS MEN'S STUFF.
CHARLENE?
I KNOW YOU WON'T LISTEN CHARLIE..

TO BE CONTINUED...

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

AAAAAND... WE'RE BACK! WELL THAT ONE WEEK BREAK JUST FLEW BY. I HAD AN AWESOME TIME AT BOSTON COMIC CON MEETING THE FOLKS AT LINE WEBTOON AS WELL AS A FEW OF YOU GUYS! UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T REALLY GET A CHANCE TO SEE ANY OF BOSTON BECAUSE I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN MY HOTEL ROOM DESPERATELY TRYING TO GET PAGES DONE!

I FEEL LIKE AT THIS RATE I'M PROBABLY GOING TO BURN MYSELF OUT SO I'M GOING TO TRY AND SCALE BACK FREELANCE WHENEVER I CAN AND FOCUS PRIMARILY ON OSCAR ZAHN.

IT FEELS WEIRD FOR ME TO ASK THIS BUT IF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE COMIC AND CAN SPARE A BUCK OR TWO PLEASE CONSIDER CHECKING OUT MY PATREON. ANYTHING HELPS!

IF YOU CAN'T, THAT'S TOTALLY COOL TOO! I STILL APPRECIATE YOU READING THE COMIC AND YOUR SUPPORT.

NO MATTER WHAT, I'M STILL GOING TO DO MY BEST TO RELEASE OSCAR ZAHN EPISODES ON A WEEKLY BASIS!

THANKS EVERYBODY!

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